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Annotations

Item 1. Adoption of the agenda and other organizational matters

The Council will consider the selection of themes for the high-level and coordination segments of its substantive session of 1997.

The Council, in accordance with its resolution 1994/33 on the operational activities segment of the Economic and Social Council, will consider a principal theme or themes for consideration at the high-level meeting of the operational activities segment of the substantive session of 1997.

The Council will also consider the applications of Australia and Spain for full membership in the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on the selection of a theme for the 1997 high-level segment of the Council (E/1996/)

Note by the Secretary-General on the applications of Australia and Spain for full membership in the Committee of Experts on the Transport of Dangerous Goods (E/1996/94)

General segment

Item 5. Social, humanitarian and human rights questions: reports of subsidiary bodies, conferences and related questions

(d) Human rights questions

In resolution 1996/38, the Council requested the Secretary-General to submit to the Economic and Social Council, at its resumed substantive session of 1996, a report on the legal procedure necessary to bring the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in line with other similar human rights treaty bodies.

Documentation

Report of the Secretary-General on the legal procedure necessary to bring the Committee on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights in line with other similar human rights treaty bodies (E/1996/)

Item 6. Economic and environmental questions: reports of subsidiary bodies, conferences and related questions

(i) Follow-up to General Assembly resolution 50/106: business and development

In decision 1996/305, the Council decided to continue consideration of agenda item 6 (i), including the draft resolution entitled "Corruption and bribery in transnational commercial activities" (E/1996/L.26), at its resumed

substantive session of 1996, and also requested the President of the Council to continue to facilitate open-ended consultations prior to its resumed substantive session, with a view to enhancing the prospects for achieving consensus.

Item 9. Coordination questions

(a) Reports of the coordination bodies

The Council decided to keep agenda item 9 (a) open for possible further consideration at its resumed substantive session.

Documentation

Report of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on its thirty-sixth session

Annual overview report of the Administrative Committee on Coordination for 1995 (E/1996/18 and Add.1)

Item 10. Non-governmental organizations

The Council will consider the report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 1996 session, which was held in two parts (Headquarters, 13-17 May and 26-30 August 1996). At its substantive session of 1995, the Council decided that, starting in 1996, the Committee should meet annually, and decided to request the Committee to undertake a thorough review of its methods of work with a view to improving and streamlining its procedures (decision 1995/304).

Documentation

Report of the Committee on Non-Governmental Organizations on its 1996 session (Headquarters, 13-17 May and 26-30 August 1996) (E/1996/)

Item 11. Programme and related questions in the economic, social and related fields

Proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997

The Council will have before it the revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997 covering activities in the economic, social and related fields. The Council will examine the revisions in the light of the recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination on the matter (resolution 1988/77).

Documentation

Relevant chapters of the proposed revisions to the medium-term plan for the period 1992-1997

Item 13. Implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/227: further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields

On the proposal of the Secretary-General, a new item, entitled "Implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/227: further measures for the restructuring and revitalization of the United Nations in the economic, social and related fields", has been included in the provisional agenda for the resumed substantive session of the Council. Issues relating to that resolution, which have hitherto been considered under other agenda items, will henceforth be grouped under this new item.

In resolution 1996/41, the Council decided to consider as a matter of priority, at its resumed substantive session to be held before the end of 1996, the possible changes in and/or adjustments to its agenda with a view to ensuring that all issues included in General Assembly resolution 50/227 were examined by the Council.

In the same resolution, the Council decided to consider, also as a matter of priority, at the resumed substantive session, a review of the agenda of the Council's general segment in accordance with paragraph 67 of annex I to General Assembly resolution 50/227. The Council is to consider harmonization of the work programmes of its functional commissions on the basis of a background note on the subject.

To assist the Council in its deliberations, the Secretariat has prepared three conference room papers: one concerns the harmonization and coordination of the agendas and multi-year programmes of work of the functional commissions of the Council; another is a revised background note prepared to assist the Council in its deliberations on the implementation of General Assembly resolution 50/227; the third contains an analysis of agenda items of the Economic and Social Council and the Second and Third Committees of the General Assembly and provides historical background.

Documentation

Note by the Secretariat containing an analysis of agenda items of the Economic and Social Council and the Second and Third Committees of the General Assembly and providing historical background (E/1996/CRP.5)

Note by the Secretariat entitled "General Assembly resolution 50/227 - provisions related to the Economic and Social Council" (E/1996/CRP.3/Rev.1)

Background paper on the harmonization and coordination of the agendas and multi-year programmes of work of the functional commissions of the Economic and Social Council (E/1996/CRP.4)

Item 14. Elections

In resolution 1996/7, the Council decided to enlarge the membership of the Commission for Social Development from 32 to 46. Recognizing the importance of

adequate representation in the Commission, the Council will elect 14 new members at its resumed substantive session of 1996.

The Council will take action on the candidacy of one member of the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development, which was endorsed by the Latin American and Caribbean States but deferred from the substantive session because of the absence of a curriculum vitae.

Documentation

Note by the Secretary-General on the election of 14 new members to the Commission for Social Development (E/1996/95)

Note by the Secretary-General on the election of a member of the Committee on New and Renewable Sources of Energy and on Energy for Development (E/1996/L.15/Add.2)